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**Festal Greetings & Prayers to
Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas
03 July**

**Hearfelt Thanks Dear
Fr Geevarghese Kaithavana**



Hearty Welcome



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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear All,

Greetings, love and blessings to all!



Come July! We are more alive in our faith and its testimony and celebrations! We celebrate *Dukhrono* the commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India. This apostolic heritage of our Church makes our faith strong. Then it is July 15 The Feast of commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Geevarghese Mar Ivanios! We prepare for this observing *nombu*. Let the observances and commemorations lead us to a deeper faith and commitment in our Christian life and witness.

I am happy to note that a large number of our youth and elders are preparing themselves for the *Padayatra*. Some sixty people are preparing for the full 5-days *padayatra*. Similarly, from our missions, too, the faithful are participating in the *padayatra*. May the *padayatra* help us to walk in the footsteps of our father in faith Mar Ivanios as our earthly pilgrimage leads us to our heavenly abode!

As is our custom in the Exarchate, local *padayatras* in our Exarchate shall be arranged according to the planning and arrangements in each of our ecclesiastical districts.

The Pastoral Council Reconstituted

The Pastoral Council of our Exarchate was reconstituted as per the bye-laws promulgated for the same. The outgoing PC, constituted in the year 2015, largely with members who represented the parishes and missions from the territory of the newly erected Exarchate in the ETRI Pastoral Council, really did a marvelous service at the start of the Exarchate. I thank all of them, especially Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC and Mr. Daniel Babu, the Secretaries of the former PC, for their dedicated and prompt service.

The first meeting of the Second PC began with the oath of the elected and nominated members. The meeting was very lively with its systematic organization and active participation of the members.

Mr. Jose Alexander from Chinchwad-Pune parish was elected the lay Secretary of the PC. He is a man of commitment and integrity, born and brought up in Pune and raised up through the Sunday School, MCYM and active parish involvement. I wish him and all the members of the PC God's abundant Grace!

For our knowledge, action and future planning with regard to the life of the Exarchate, the report of the PC is given in this issue of the EPHREMITES.

Dear Friends! Friends of Mission St. Ephrem is an initiative to strengthen the missionary work of the Exarchate. I have informed you of this through a circular. The same is also reprinted in this issue of the EPHREMITES. I again draw your attention to the initiative and welcome you as a FRIEND OF MISSION ST. EPHREM.

Religious Meet

We had a meeting of all the Religious Men and Women living and serving in our Exarchate on 30 June 2018. It was organized by the Exarchial Commission for the Religious. I had appointed Rev. Fr. Bijili OIC and Rev. Sr. Kripa SIC as the secretaries of the Commission. They, along with Rev. Fr. Melwin OIC, the Exarchial Chancellor, had organized the meeting with orderly planning. The meeting, a forum for dialogue and participation in the life of the Exarchate, was a success. I appreciate the presence of most of the religious in our Exarchate.

Canonical Pastoral Visit

I had visited all our parishes and mission centers a number of times in the last three years. However, it is now time for a canonical

pastoral visit, as per CCEO c 205, of all our parishes and mission centers. Hence, the Parish Priests shall, in planning with the Parish Councils, fix a date with me in advance. In the spirit of the visitation, I would like to evaluate the life of the parish with each organization like the Sunday School, MCCL, MCYM, MCA, Mathrusangham, Suvisesha Sangham, Parish Council and other organisations like the Vincent De Paul Society, etc., if any. The visit shall require at least two days, ending with a solemn Holy Qurbano and an agape.

New Vocations this Year

I am happy to announce to you that we have eight new entrants to the Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary. Of these three, one from Pune, one from Mumbai, one from Denkanikottai are from the territory of the Exarchate. Others are from the other Eparchies of our Church. Similarly, from our Eparchies we have received four seminarians who will do their Regency formation in the Exarchate. I welcome them to the Exarchate and wish them a transforming formation to work in the vineyard of the Lord!

Happy Bethany Feast!

The Bethany Fathers and Sisters celebrate the Feast of the Bethany Saints Martha, Mary and Lazar, on 29 July 2018. I wish them a Happy Feast and God's choicest blessings through the intercession of the Bethany Saints! I urge our faithful to organize some spiritual celebrations in the parishes and missions where our Bethany Fathers and Sisters serve. I will join the Bethany Sisters in Stuttgart-Germany for the celebrations.

In my Absence

Dear All! I will be away, as my annual programme usually is, in Switzerland for mission preaching and for meeting our benefactors and friends. I request your prayers for my mission as well as for our benefactors and well-wishers.

In my absence, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Protosyncellus of the Exarchate, will be in-charge of the administration of the curia and other allied matters as per the norms of Canon Law. I thank him and all others who constantly carry our mission forward, in my presence and in my absence. I thank everyone for the love, communion and team work we enjoy in our Exarchate.

Let me conclude! May the grace and mercy of God abound in us through the intercession of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, and the Servant of God Archbishop Geevarghese Mar Ivanios whose *Dukhronos* we celebrate this month! May we be strengthened by the intercession of the Bethany Saints! May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Saints and St. Ephrem, the patron of our Exarchate intercede for us!

God bless!

Your loving Aboon,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "+ Mar Anthonios", is written above a horizontal line.

✠ **Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC**
Apostolic Exarch

ദൈവകൃപയാലും തിരുസിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകാരത്താലും
 മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ
മേജർ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ്-കാതോലിക്കോസ്
മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമീസ് ബാവായിൽ
 നിന്നും നമ്മുടെ അധികാരത്തിൻകീഴിലുള്ള മേൽപ്പട്ടക്കാർക്കും
 കോർപ്പിപ്പിസ്ക്കോപ്പാമാർക്കും റമ്പാന്മാർക്കും പട്ടക്കാർക്കും
 ശെമ്മാശ്ശുഗണത്തിനും സന്യസ്തർക്കും വിശ്വാസികളേവർക്കും
 വാഴ്വ്.



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സ്വയംഭൂവും സർവ്വശക്തനും ആദ്യന്തമില്ലാത്തവനും
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ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ്
മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 65-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാൾ
 അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, വന്ദ്യ കോർപ്പിപ്പിസ്ക്കോപ്പാമാരേ,
 റമ്പാച്ചന്മാരേ, ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, ശെമ്മാശ്ശന്മാരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ,
 കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയ വിശ്വാസികളേ!

മലങ്കരയിലെ വിഭജനത്തിന്റെ മുറിവുണക്കാൻ ദൈവം നിയോഗിച്ച ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 65-ാം ദുക്രോനോ തിരുുന്നാൾ 2018 ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 14 വരെ തിരുവന്തപുരം പട്ടം സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ സഭയെന്നാകെ ആഘോഷിക്കുകയാണ്. ഈ വർഷം 15-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച ആയതിനാൽ സഭയുടെ പൊതുവായ ആഘോഷദിവസം 14-ാം തീയതി ശനിയാഴ്ച ആയിരിക്കും എന്നറിയിക്കുന്നു. അന്നേദിവസം ആഘോഷമായ വി. സമൂഹബലിയും കബറികൽ പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ശുശ്രൂഷകളും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. 65-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാളിൽ നമ്മുടെ മുഖ്യാ

തിഥിയായി എത്തി നമ്മെ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നത് കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിലെ തന്നെ പ്രസിദ്ധമായ ജർമ്മനിയിലെ കൊളോൺ അതിരൂപതാ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ റെയ്നർ മരിയ വോൾക്കി (നെമശിലൂ ഏമുശമ ഇമുറശിമഹ ണീലഹസശ)) തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടാണ്. ജൂലൈ 13 മുതൽ 16 വരെ നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായി അത്യഭിവന്ദ്യ തിരുമേനി നമ്മുടെ ഇടയിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ജൂലൈ 13ന് വൈകിട്ട് നടക്കുന്ന മെഴുകുതിരി പ്രദക്ഷിണ നേർച്ചയിലും 14ന് നടക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ ചടങ്ങുകളിലും അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ തിരുമേനി സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നതും നമ്മെ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്. ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാൾ വി. കുർബാനയിലെ വചനസന്ദേശം അത്യഭിവന്ദ്യ തിരുമേനി നൽകുന്നതാണ്. കൊളോൺ അതിരൂപതയും മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുമായി വളരെ അടുത്ത ബന്ധമാണുള്ളത്. പുനരെകൃ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിനും നമ്മുടെ രൂപതകൾക്കും സന്യാസ സമൂഹങ്ങൾക്കും സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്കുമെല്ലാം ഈ പുരാതനകത്തോലിക്കാ അതിരൂപത നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളതും ഇപ്പോഴും തുടരുന്നതുമായ സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങൾ യഥാർത്ഥ കത്തോലിക്കാ സമീപനത്തിന്റെയും കരുതലിന്റെയും നേർക്കാഴ്ചകളാണ്. അതാതു കാലങ്ങളിലെ അതിരൂപതാധ്യക്ഷന്മാർ നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളതും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പും എനിക്ക് എത്രയും സ്നേഹ ബഹുമാനമുള്ളതുമായ അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ റെയ്നർ മരിയ വോൾക്കി തിരുമേനി തുടരുന്നതുമായ വലിയ പ്രോത്സാഹനത്തിന് നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളുടെയും സന്യാസ സമൂഹങ്ങളുടെയും നാമത്തിലുള്ള ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ നന്ദി അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. അതിധന്യനായ കർദ്ദിനാൾ വോൾക്കി തിരുമേനിയുടെയും കൂടെയുള്ള സംഘത്തിന്റെയും മലങ്കരസഭാ സന്ദർശനം നമുക്ക് കൂടുതൽ ധന്യത പകരുമെന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യാശിക്കുന്നു.

പുത്തൻകൂർ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സമുദ്ധാരണത്തിന് ശ്രദ്ധേയമായ സംഭാവനകളാണ് ഫാ. പി. റ്റി. ഗീവർഗീസ് എന്ന മാർ ഈവാന്യോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ ലഭ്യമായത്. തന്റെ പഠനവും ജീവിതവുമെല്ലാം അതിനായി ഉഴിഞ്ഞുവയ്ക്കുവാൻ സമുദായ സ്നേഹിയായ വന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന് തെല്ലും മടിയുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. വൈദികനായപ്പോഴും പിന്നീട് മേല്പട്ടസ്ഥാനത്തേക്ക് ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ടപ്പോഴും ഈ കാര്യങ്ങളിലുള്ള തന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയ്ക്ക് ഒരു കുറവും വരുത്തിയില്ല. ഐക്യവും,

സ്നേഹവും പിതാവിന്റെ ഇഷ്ടവിഷയങ്ങളായിരുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെയാണ് വിഭജനത്തിന്റെ ചരിത്രപാഠങ്ങൾ, ഐക്യത്തിലൂടെയും സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വമായ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലൂടെയും മാറ്റിയെടുക്കുവാനുള്ള പരിശ്രമങ്ങൾ വൈദിക പഠനകാലത്തുതന്നെ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. എം. ഡി. സെമിനാരിയിലെയും, സെറാമ്പൂർ കോളേജിലെയും അനുഭവങ്ങൾ അതിനെകൂടുതൽ പ്രോജലിപ്പിച്ചു. ഐക്യശ്രമങ്ങളിൽ അനിതരസാധാരണമായ ശ്രദ്ധ വന്ധ്യ പിതാവിന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ നാം കണ്ടെത്തുന്നതിന് കാരണവും മറ്റൊന്നല്ല. സ്വസ്ഥമുദായം ഐക്യശ്രമങ്ങളുടെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വങ്ങൾ ഭരമേല്പിച്ചപ്പോൾ മുൻവിധികളൊന്നുമില്ലാതെ അതിനായി പരിശ്രമിക്കുവാൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനെപ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചതും ഈ നിയോഗശുദ്ധി തന്നെ.

ആരെയും മാറ്റിനിർത്താതെ എല്ലാവരെയും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളണമെന്ന വന്ധ്യ പിതാവിന്റെ ജീവിതവീക്ഷണമാണ്, ആഗോള കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിൽ ശ്രദ്ധേയമായ മുന്നേറ്റങ്ങൾക്ക് വഴി തെളിക്കുവാൻ, ഈ ചെറിയ അപ്പസ്തോലിക സഭയെ ദൈവം അപ്പസ്തോലിക ഉപകരണമാക്കിയത്. നിലനിൽപ്പിനുവേണ്ടിയല്ല നീതിബോധത്തോടെയുള്ള ദൈവശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണ് നാം നിലകൊള്ളേണ്ടത് എന്ന് സ്വജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവ് നമുക്ക് കാണിച്ചുതന്നു. എവിടെയായിരുന്നാലും ദൈവസമ്പാദനം അത്യുത്തമമായി കരുതണമെന്ന് പിതാവ് പഠിപ്പിച്ചു; 'ദൈവസേവനത്തേക്കാൾ അത്യുത്തമം ദൈവസമ്പാദനം'. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ സമ്പത്തും പദവിയും, പ്രശസ്തിയും നിസ്സാരമായി കരുതാൻ വന്ധ്യ പിതാവിന് സാധിച്ചു. വി. പൗലോസിന്റെ വാക്കുകൾ പിതാവിന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ അമ്പർത്ഥമാണ്: "എന്നാൽ, എനിക്ക് ലാഭമായിരുന്ന ഇവയെല്ലാം ക്രിസ്തുവിനെപ്രതി നഷ്ടമായി ഞാൻ കണക്കാക്കി. ഇവ മാത്രമല്ല, എന്റെ കർത്താവായ യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ജ്ഞാനം കൂടുതൽ വിലയുള്ളതാകയാൽ, സർവവും നഷ്ടമായിത്തന്നെ ഞാൻ പരിഗണിക്കുന്നു. അവനെപ്രതി ഞാൻ സകലവും നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ഉച്ഛിഷ്ടംപോലെ കരുതുകയുമാണ്. ഇത് ക്രിസ്തുവിനെനേടുന്നതിനും അവനോടുകൂടെ ഒന്നായി കാണപ്പെടുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടിയത്രെ. എനിക്ക് നിയമത്തിൽനിന്ന് ലഭിക്കുന്ന നീതിയല്ല ഉള്ളത്; പിന്നെയോ ക്രിസ്തുവിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസംവഴി ലഭിക്കുന്ന നീതിയാണ്" (ഫിലി. 3:8-9).

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ യുവജനവർഷമായി ആചരിക്കുന്ന ഈ കാലയളവിൽ വന്യപിതാവിന്റെ ഈ ജീവിതദർശനങ്ങൾക്ക് വളരെയധികം പ്രാധാന്യമുണ്ട്. സമ്പത്തിനും പദവിക്കും പ്രശസ്തിക്കുംവേണ്ടി നെട്ടോട്ടമോടുന്ന ഒരു ലോകക്രമത്തിൽ, ഒരു യുവാവായിരിക്കുമ്പോൾത്തന്നെ അതിനോടുള്ള ഭ്രമങ്ങളിൽനിന്ന് ഒഴിഞ്ഞുനിൽക്കാൻ അതിയായി ആഗ്രഹിച്ച വ്യക്തിത്വമായിരുന്നു വന്യപിതാവിന്റേത്. അനേക യുവജനങ്ങളെ സഭയിലേക്ക് ആകർഷിക്കുവാനും വളർത്തുവാനും അതിലൂടെ പിതാവിന് സാധിച്ചു. 1919-ൽ ബഥനി സന്യാസ സമൂഹത്തിന് തുടക്കം കുറിക്കുന്നതും ഈ ആശയങ്ങളുടെ പിൻബലത്തിലാണ്. അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവ് മെത്രാഭിഷേകാന്തരം നടത്തിയ മറുപടി പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ അത് പ്രത്യേകം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നുമുണ്ട്. സമ്പത്തോ, പദവിയോ, പ്രശസ്തിയോ അല്ല ദൈവതിരുമുന്ദിലെ സമർപ്പണമാണ് ജീവിതവിജയത്തിന് അനിവാര്യമായ ഘടകമെന്ന് പിതാവ് വിശ്വസിച്ചിരുന്നു. പല തരത്തിലുള്ള സംഘർഷത്തിലൂടെയും തീരുമാനങ്ങളിലൂടെയും കടന്നുപോകേണ്ടിയിരുന്ന സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം വന്യ പിതാവിന് താങ്ങായി നിന്നത് ഈ ഉറച്ച ബോധ്യങ്ങളായിരുന്നു. സഭാശുശ്രൂഷകളിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുന്ന ഏതൊരാൾക്കും ഇതൊരു പ്രചോദനമായി ഇന്നും എന്നും നിലകൊള്ളണം. വന്യപിതാവിന്റെ 65-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാൾ ആചരിക്കുന്ന ഈ വേളയിൽ ഏവരുടെയും വിചിന്തനത്തിന് വന്യതാതന്റെ ഈ മഹദ്ദർശനങ്ങൾ കൂടുതൽ കരുത്ത് പകരട്ടെയെന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു, ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു.

ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാൾ നമ്മുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയുടെയും, കുടിവരവിന്റെയും ഒരു വേദി കൂടിയാണല്ലോ. ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാളിനു വേണ്ടിയുള്ള ഒരുക്കം ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 15-ാം തീയതി വരെ പ്രത്യേകമായ പ്രാർത്ഥനാശുശ്രൂഷകളോടെയും നോമ്പനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങളോടെയുമാണല്ലോ നാം ആചരിക്കുന്നത്. ഇത് നമ്മുടെ സഭാസന്നേഹവും വ്യക്തിപരമായ ജീവിതവിശുദ്ധിയും കൂടുതൽ ആഴത്തിലുള്ളതാക്കാൻ ഏറെ സഹായിക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതിന് സംശയമില്ല. വന്യതാതന്റെ വിശുദ്ധ പദവിയിലേക്കുള്ള നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ തുടർപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഈ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികാനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങൾ അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതവുമാണ്. വ്യക്തിപ

രമായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളെക്കാളുപരി സഭയോടുള്ള ആത്മാർത്ഥമായ ബന്ധത്തിന്റെയും, സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെയും പ്രതിഫലനമായി കണ്ടുകൊണ്ട് ഇവ അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുവാൻ സഭാമക്കളായ നിങ്ങളോരോരുത്തരോടും ഞാൻ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളിലും, സന്യാസ-സന്യാസിനീ ഭവനങ്ങളിലും, ആശ്രമങ്ങളിലും, സെമിനാരികളിലും, പരിശീലനഭവനങ്ങളിലും, കുടുംബങ്ങളിലും പ്രത്യേകമായ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും, പുണ്യപ്രവർത്തികളും ധ്യാനയോഗങ്ങളും ഈ ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ നടത്തണമെന്ന കാര്യവും പ്രത്യേകം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 14 വരെ എല്ലാദിവസവും ദൈവദാസന്റെ കബർ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന പട്ടം സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ കബറിനോട് ചേർന്ന് വി. കുർബാനയും, ധ്യാനയോഗങ്ങളും, മധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും, വി. കുവസാരവും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. തീർത്ഥാടക സംഘങ്ങളായി കബറിൽ വന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ക്രമീകരണങ്ങൾ ഓരോ ഇടവക സമൂഹവും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചന്മാരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ചെയ്യുന്നത് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഏറെ അനുഗ്രഹപ്രദമാണ്. വർഷം മുഴുവൻ സുവിശേഷസംഘത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കബർ ചാപ്പലിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ 2 വർഷമായി നടന്നുവരുന്ന അനുഗ്രഹീതമായ ശുശ്രൂഷകളെ ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ പിതാവിന്റെ അനുഗൃഹീതമായ മാധ്യസ്ഥം അനേകർക്ക് എത്തിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള ഉത്തരവാദിത്വവും കടമയും നാമോരോത്തരിലും നിക്ഷിപ്തമാണ് എന്നത് പ്രത്യേകം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് എല്ലാ വർഷവും നാം നടത്തിവരാറുള്ള അനുഗൃഹീതമായ ഒരു ശുശ്രൂഷയാണല്ലോ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പദയാത്ര. ഈ വർഷം ജൂലൈ 9-ാം തീയതിയായിരിക്കും പ്രധാനതീർത്ഥാടന പദയാത്ര പത്തനംതിട്ട ഭദ്രാസനത്തിലെ റാനി-പെരുന്നാട്ടിൽ നിന്നും ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. ഓരോ വർഷവും ആത്മീയമായ ഒരുക്കങ്ങളോടെ അനേകംപേർ പ്രായഭേദമന്യേ ഈ പദയാത്രയിൽ പങ്കുചേരുന്നത് ഒരു ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹമായി കരുതുന്നു. ത്യാഗപൂർവമായ ഈ പ്രവർത്തിയിലൂടെ ദൈവകൃപ ധാരാളമായി ലഭിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ മകുടോദാഹരണമാണ് ഓരോ വർഷവും ഏറിവരുന്ന ജനബാഹുല്യം. ഇതരമതസ്ഥരായ അനേകം സഹോദരീസഹോദരന്മാർ ഈ യാത്രയുടെ ധന്യത മനസ്സിലാക്കി ഇതിനെസ്വീകരിക്കു

കയും ഇതിൽ പങ്കുചേരുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നുവെന്ന വാർത്ത നമുക്കഭിമാനം നൽകുന്ന കാര്യമാണ്. മുൻവർഷങ്ങളിലെപ്പോലെ ഈ വർഷവും മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ (എം.സി.വൈ.എം.) സഭാതല സമിതി ഈ പദയാത്രയ്ക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്നതാണ്. യുവജനവർഷത്തിൽ നമ്മൾ നടത്തുന്ന ഈ തീർത്ഥാടന പദയാത്രയിൽ കൂടുതൽ യുവജനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാപൂർവ്വമായ സജീവ സാന്നിധ്യം പ്രത്യേക നിയോഗങ്ങളോടെ ഉണ്ടാവണം. വി.കുന്ദസാരം നടത്തി പൂർണ്ണ യോഗ്യതയോടെ വി. കുർബാന അനുഭവിക്കുന്നതിന് ഏവരും പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഡയറക്ടർമാരുടെയും ആനിമേറ്റർമാരുടെയും യുവജനനേതാക്കളുടെയും പ്രത്യേകമായ ശ്രദ്ധയും പരിഗണനയും ഈ കാര്യങ്ങളുടെ ക്രമീകരണങ്ങളിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണം. വ്യക്തിപരമായ നോമ്പനുഷ്ഠാനത്തോടെ ഈ പദയാത്രയിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നവർ അതിന്റെ ഭക്തിയും നിഷ്ഠയും നിലനിർത്തുവാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. തിരുവല്ല, മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ, മാവേലിക്കര, മാർത്താണ്ഡം, ഗുഡ്ഗാവ് എന്നീ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും, പുന-കട്കി എക്സാർക്കേറ്റിൽനിന്നും, ഭാരതത്തിനു പുറത്തുള്ള കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും പദയാത്രകൾ പ്രധാനപദയാത്രയോടു ചേർന്ന് കബറിങ്കൽ എത്തിച്ചേരുന്നതാണ്.

ജൂലൈ 13-ാം തീയതി വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച വൈകിട്ട് പെരുന്നാട്ടിൽനിന്നുമുള്ള പ്രധാനതീർത്ഥാടന പദയാത്ര എത്തിച്ചേർന്നാലുടൻ സന്ധ്യാ പ്രാർത്ഥനയും മെഴുകുതിരി പ്രദക്ഷിണവും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. അന്നുതന്നെ സന്ധ്യാപ്രാർത്ഥനക്കുശേഷം സുവിശേഷസംഘത്തിന്റെ സഭാതലത്തിലെ 5-ാം ബാച്ച് അംഗങ്ങളുടെ കൈവയ്പു ശുശ്രൂഷ നടത്തപ്പെടും. ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാളിന്റെ പൊതുവായ ആഘോഷം നടക്കുന്ന 14-ാം തീയതി രാവിലെ 8 മണിക്ക് ആഘോഷമായ വി. കുർബാനയും കബറിങ്കൽ ധൂപപ്രാർത്ഥനയും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ എല്ലാ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരെയും ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാൾ വി. കുർബാനയിൽ സഹകാർമ്മി കരായി പങ്കുചേരുന്നതിന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാളിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അനുഗ്രഹം പ്രാപിക്കുവാൻ സഭാമക്കളായ ഏവരെയും ഞാൻ ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

വിശ്വാസം, ജീവിക്കുവാനും സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തുവാനും മുള്ളതാണെന്നും വിശ്വാസിയായിരിക്കുകയെന്നാൽ ദൈവേഷ്ടത്തിന് പൂർണ്ണമായി സമർപ്പിക്കുക എന്നതാണെന്നും സ്വജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ കാണിച്ചുതന്ന ജാഗ്രതയുള്ള കാര്യസ്ഥനായിരുന്നു ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ്. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിലെ സകല അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളുടെയും കേന്ദ്രസ്ഥാനം അഭിവന്ദ്യപിതാവിന്റെ ഈ ആത്മീയദർശനമാണ്. അതുതന്നെയാണ് മൂണ്ടൻമലയിൽനിന്നും ഇല്ലായ്മയിലേക്ക് ഇറങ്ങി വരുവാൻ ആ വന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന് ധൈര്യംപകർന്നത്. കടുകുമണി ചെറുതെങ്കിലും ദൈവ സംരക്ഷണത്തിന്റെ കരുതലിൽ അത് പടർന്ന് പന്തലിക്കുമെന്നും അനേകർക്ക് ആശ്രയകേന്ദ്രമാകുമെന്നും ആ വത്സലതാതൻ ദീർഘദർശനം ചെയ്തു. വിവിധ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലായി മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ ഏറ്റെടുത്ത് നിർവഹിക്കുന്ന കാരുണ്യപ്രവർത്തികളും, സാമൂഹ്യസേവനങ്ങളുമെല്ലാം ഈ പ്രകാശത്തിൽനിന്നും ശക്തി സംഭരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. വന്ദ്യതാതന്റെ ഈ ദൈവൈക്യത്തിലും സഭാ സ്നേഹത്തിലും ഉൾപേരുന്ന മലങ്കര കത്തോലിക്കാ വിശ്വാസികളായി നമുക്ക് ജീവിക്കാം. അതിന് വന്ദ്യപിതാവിന്റെ മാധ്യസ്ഥം നമുക്കു തുണയാകട്ടെ. 65-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാൾ ഈ ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തലുകളോടെ ആചരിക്കുവാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്കേവർക്കും സാധിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

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PUNE**

Dear Rev Priests, Religious and Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings and love in the name of our Lord Jesus!

The Church is missionary by her very essence. In obedience to the command of her founder to preach the Gospel to all men (cf. CCC 849), the Church is missionary to the core. It is not that the Church has a mission; rather the Church is a mission. It is therefore our primary duty to preach the Gospel. St Paul reminds us that “woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel” (1 Cor 9: 16). Mission is an accurate indicator of our faith in Christ (*Redemptoris Missio*11). “The love of Christ impels us” (2 Cor 5:14) to carry out the mission. Mission, therefore, is not a choice but a fundamental option for us to be the Church.

Right from the inception of this Exarchate we have taken initiatives to move out to the frontiers to preach the Gospel. Our Exarchate, though still in an infancy stage, has taken bold initiatives. In Maharashtra we

have the Warje-Malwadi and Bopkhel-Vishrantawadi missions initiated by the respective parishes of the places. We are reaching out to the villages around Igatpuri and Ghoti near Nashik. In Andhra Pradesh we have the Bapatla mission and in Tamil Nadu we have the Kamagiri-Denkanikottai mission accessed from Bengaluru.

One must take note that, as an Exarchate, we have very minimal resources, both personnel (priests, sisters and lay missionaries) and monetary. However, we have given utmost priority to missionary endeavors. We all must be aware of the mission initiatives and the expenditure that is incurred to run them. The missionaries need to have a place to stay. Food and rent should be paid. A just remuneration to the catechists and pastors are to be paid. We need vehicles to travel from village to village. For the educational and economic uplift of the people we need to give scholarships and create small scale employment opportunities. These are recurring expenses. Last year we had spent about Rs. 2.25 million for the mission. Naturally it will be on the increase every year. This is a huge financial commitment compared to the resources we have.

I, therefore, urge all people of goodwill, especially all our faithful to pray for our missions and to contribute painstakingly towards this cause to the maximum of your ability. This is an appeal to your good will, not a compulsion. God blesses a happy giver!

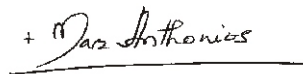
I am happy to introduce to you the Friends of Mission St Ephrem, an initiative to support the missions of the Exarchate. You become a friend of the mission of the Exarchate of St Ephrem committing to contribute an amount yearly/monthly to support it as per the form supplied to you.

The members of the *Suvishesha Sangham*, whose basic call is to live, preach and support the mission of the Church, are to lead this initiative. I entrust them the task of mobilizing the mission fund through Friends of Mission St Ephrem. Forms for registering names with various sponsorship programmes shall be circulated to all parishioners by the *Suvishesha Sangham*. The parish Priests are to appoint a leader from

among the *Suvishesha Sangham* members in each parish whose responsibility it is, to coordinate this fund raising in the parish level. This fund would be pooled together to support the missions. I appoint Rev. Fr Stephen Chempakathoppu, Ms Ammukutty Mathai, Mr VA George (Joji Uncle), Zachariah (Sunny) Pawath and Alex Valavil to coordinate the same through the Mission Office of the Exarchate. I also appoint Mr VA George, along with Rev. Fr Stephen, to coordinate the role of the members of the *Suvishesha Sangham* in this regard.

Finally, I exhort everyone to pray for, promote and support the mission initiatives. We are a missionary Exarchate and we ought to preach the Word of God. "We cannot but speak" (Acts 4.20) even if it involves sacrifice. Please take seriously the forms given to you. Kindly fill the form, take up a certain sponsorship and be a Friend of Mission St Ephrem. Being missionary implies commitment. I urge all priests and religious and lay leaders and representatives of the Pastoral Council to make our people aware diligently our mission activities and their needs.

May God bless our missionary endeavors and reward your sacrificial contributions to share the joy of the Gospel. God bless us all!



✠ **Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC**
Apostolic Exarch

Khadki-Pune
10 June, 2018

This Circular shall be read in all our parishes and mission stations after the Holy Qurbano on 24 June 2018

Notifications From Bishop's House**I. Hearty Welcome and Congratulations**

- a. **Rev Fr John Achuthaparambil appointed Associate Procurator and Vicar of Vishrantwadi parish, Pune.** Fr John belongs to the Eparchy of Pathanamthitta and he will reside at the presbytery attached to Vishrantwadi Parish. He is appointed associate Procurator in view of being the Procurator after some initial experience gathering.
- b. **Rev Fr Benjamin Vazhayil OIC appointed as Priest In-Charge of the Malankara Catholic Mission in Igatpuri-Gooty area near Nashik.** He belongs to Bethany Navajyothy Province and shall be resident at Igatpuri.
- c. **Fr Manu Kurisinkal has been appointed as Vicar of Nashik and Aurangabad Parishes.** He has also been appointed as Local Manager of Nashik School. Fr Manu is the newly Ordained Priest of this Exarchate. He shall reside in the Presbytery attached to the Parish at Nashik.
- d. **Fr Mathew Modiyil OIC appointed as Proto-Presbyter of Mumbai Ecclesiastical District.** He shall be resident at Bethany Ashram, Khargar.

II. Heartfelt Thanks

- a. **Fr Geevarghese Kaithavana relieved from the office of Priest in-charge of Carmelaram Parish, Bangalore.**
- b. **Rev Fr Mathew Thomas Thazhethottathil has been relieved from the offices of the Local Manger of St Mary's School and in-charge of Kopholi Project.**

III. Appointments of Regents:

- a. **Bro Anish John : Bishop's House, Khadki**
- b. **Bro George Chandanasseril : Kamagiri Mission**
- c. **Bro. Joseph Kanchavana : Minor Seminary**

d. Bro. Vincent Mukaluvila : Igatpuri-Gooty Mission

IV. Announcement of Dates of Major Events

Dear fathers,

Kindly find dates of important meetings at Exarchial and Malankra church level this year. Please note and organize your programmes according to the dates given below:

a. Exarchial Priests' Convention: Sept 13 & 14, 2018

(This meeting is held in view of the Malankara Church level Priests' Meet and is attended by Bishop Makarios, Chariman of the synodal Commission for Clergy, MSCC)

b. Exarchial Convention: Nov 6 & 7, 2018; Pune

c. Malankara Catholic Priests' Meet: Nov 13 & 14, 2018; Trivandrum

(A meeting of all Malankara Priests arranged by the Synodal Commision for Clergy, MSCC)

d. Exarchial Priests' Annual Retreat: Nov 26-30, Pune

e. Exarchial Priest's Meet: Nov 30, 2018, Pune

(Religious Priests are also expected to attend this meeting being held on the final day of Annual Retreat)

Please note that in all the above dates your participation is non-negotiable other than the Exarchial Priests' annual retreat for Bethany Fathers.

**REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF SECOND
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**OF THE EXARCHATE OF ST EPHREM,
KHADKI-PUNE**

25 MAY 2018

The First Meeting of the Second Pastoral Council of the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune, was held on 25 May 2018 at St Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Cathedral Church. The gathering began with a concelebrated Holy Qurbano by the Exarch His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC and the Reverend Priests serving in the Exarchate.

The Pastoral Council Meeting, chaired by the Exarch started at 9:00 AM. The following 68 members attended the meeting:

Priests

Msgr Varghese Mattamana
Fr. Varghese Manoj OIC
Fr. Koshy Kakanat Corepiscopa
Fr. Mathew Pallikunnel
Fr. Abraham Thanuvelil
Fr. Samuel Thoppil
Fr. Maria Sobu
Fr. James Cherivuparambil
Fr. Thomas Bijily OIC
Fr. Mathew Punakkalam

Fr. Varghese Kaithon
Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC
Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil
Fr. Mathew Thomas
Fr. Philip Pulipra
Fr. Joel Mathew OIC
Fr. Robin Ettithadathil OIC
Fr. Abraham Manalil
Fr. Blessen George OIC

Rev. Sisters

Sr Pratheeksha SIC
Sr Krupa SIC
Sr Lucia SIC
Sr Vimal SIC

Sr Selin DM
Sr Jyothi DM
Sr Bhavya SIC

Inaugural Session

The meeting started with a prayer by Shri T M Johnson, MCA Exarchate President. Rev. Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC, the Chancellor, welcomed the gathering and he apprised the members of the day's proceedings.

Oath-Taking Ceremony

The members then took the oath that was administered to them by His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC.

Election of the Lay Secretary

This was followed by the election for the PC Lay Secretary. Mr Jose Mathew Alexander from Chinchwad-Pune was unanimously elected as the Lay Secretary of the Pastoral Council. Chancellor Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC, the ex-officio Priest Secretary, then briefed the agenda for the day and informed the members of documents enclosed in the kit given to all the members present.

Keynote Address

Bishop welcomed all the PC members and conveyed thanks to all the outgoing members of the first Pastoral Council which did a remarkable work at the erection and founding years of the Exarchate. He reminded the members of the fruitful completion of the first three years of the Exarchate since its erection. He was humbled with gratitude to the Almighty God for leading the Exarchate forward, especially in the field of mission work! His Excellency expressed his gratitude to Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon, the outgoing Finance Officer of the Exarchate for his valuable service. The Exarch also showered words of praise for the services of layperson like Mr. Zakaria Pawath (Sunny), Rev Frs Stephen, Amutharaj along with the SIC and DM Sisters and the team for their Missionary zeal. He also asserted that the Exarchate is a 'Missionary Exarchate.' He pointed out that there are 29 parishes and mission centers and also the presence of 29 Priests serving in the Exarchate. The Exarch lauded those who faithfully follow the guidelines given in the realms of liturgical celebrations and

financial administration; however expressed concern over the lapses in the parishes over these matters. He emphasized the need to maintain the Catholic culture, and in doing so all parishes should maintain liturgical discipline. Use of sound system should be appropriate as per the needs, with the right volume. He reiterated the need for prior approval of any new construction in the parish.

Presentation of the Agenda

The following was the agenda of the Pastoral Council:

1. Khopoli Project
2. Mission Activities
3. Parish Administration
4. Exarchial Convention
5. Financial Administration
6. Points for Open Forum
7. Presentation of the Financial Report
8. Election/Nomination of members to Finance Council

Khopoli Project

Mr Babu George, the chief coordinator of the Khopoli project, briefed the house of all the details till date of the project. He updated that leveling of the site is 50% completed and 40% of compound wall work stands completed. Approval for starting the construction work was taking time but it is hoped that permission will be ready soon and that the School and Seminary construction would begin by 15 June 2018.

Mission Activities

Mr. Sunny Pawath gave a brief orientation about the mission work being done in Bapatla-Andhra Pradesh, Kamagiri-Tamil Nadu accessed from Bengaluru, Warje-Pune, Igatpuri-Nasik and Bopkel-Vishrantwadi Pune. He urged the members to come forward in supporting the mission works with their prayer, physical presence and monetary donations.

Group Discussion

Sunday School Opening Day



Vishrantwadi



Thane



Goa



Hennur



Warje



Kalewadi



Chinchwad



Dehuroad

Carmelaram Chapel Blessing



Go Green Sunday Celebrations



Borivali



Hyderabad



Hennur



Vasai

Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary Academic Year Inauguration



New Enterants to the Exarchate

First Year Brothers



MCYM Exarchial Syndicate Meeting, Pune



MCYM Hyderabad District Senate Meeting



CBCI Youth Directors' Meet, Bangalore



YOBEL 2018, MCYM Borivili Silver Jubilee Celebrations



Parish Feast, Vishrantwadi



Parish Feast, Vishrantwadi



**Farewell to Fr Zacharias OIC,
Chinchwad**



**Fathers' Day Celebrations,
Thane**



New Parish Comittee, Hennur



New Hall Inauguration, MGC

Welcoming New Vicars



Kharghar



Borivali

Rev. Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC, the Chancellor briefed the house on the order of the proceedings for group discussion. The pastoral council consists of a diaspora of personnel from across the geographies of the Exarchate hence to ensure the participation of all the members of the PC in the deliberations and conclusions of the PC, the members were divided into five designated groups. Each group was given specific topic for discussion and a report was to be presented to the common gathering by the assigned secretary. If time permits the group could discuss other points.

Presentation of reports of the Group Discussions:

Group - I Khopoli Project: Rev. Fr Robin Ettithadathil OIC presented the report.

- Lack of awareness of the project in the parishes.
- Updates of the project and work status not being communicated to parishes.

Suggestions:

- Parish should appoint a committee of 4-5 members along with the Vicar and PC member to mobilize the funds from the parish
- Efforts to be made to approach firms that can allot CSR funds for our projects.

Group - II Mission Activities: Rev. Sr Prateeksha SIC presented the report.

- Mission Awareness to be given to all organizations of the parish, like MCYM, MCCL, MCA etc and get their involvement and participation.
- “Mission Prayer” to be created and distributed to all families for use during family-prayers.
- Collect contributions through Birthday and Anniversary covers and utilize the money for mission work.
- The *Suvisesha Sangham* has to take up the task of promoting offerings for mission through “Friends of Mission St

Ephrem.”

- To encourage sponsorship for Seminarians and Seminary works.

Group - III Parish Administration: Mrs. Beena R. Mathews presented the report.

- Spiritual status of the families is good.
- General timings of the church should not be compromised.
- There is a lack of strong association between priests and families due to frequent transfer of priests.

Suggestions:

- Highly recommend that Parish Priests be appointed for a minimum of 3 years in one parish.
- All Liturgical Prayers need transliteration.
- Promote the study and knowledge of Bible through Bible classes.
- *Suvishesha Sangham* members shall have more interactions with members and students in their respective parishes and promote the same.
- Priests should celebrate at least one Holy Mass in English or Hindi in a month in parishes.
- Specially cater to members in the age group of 30 to 40 years seriously.

Group - IV, Exarchial Convention: Mr. Libin Samuel presented the report.

- The group highly recommended the Exarchial convention this year.
- Proposed dates 6 to 8 November 2018. Proposed Venue : Pune
- Approximate 1200 members to attend the convention.
- Proposed budget is Rs 20 lakhs which includes expenses for food, accommodations, TA/DA, stage, logistics etc.

- To raise funds through a supplement-advertisement in Manorama, corporate funding, institutions, members working in foreign countries, well-wishers, registration fee and voluntary donations.

Group-V: Financial Administration: Mrs. Julie Philip presented the report.

Parish Level recommendations for Financial Administration

- Maintain transparency especially for Sunday Collections (the *kanikka*) earmarked to be surrendered to the exarchate which is on many accounts is sent to the Catholicate Centre.
- Budgeting of parish expenses to be made in the beginning of the financial year and sent to the exarchate for follow-up.
- Donations made to church support and Exarchate/Diocese support needs separate receipts issued as per the Diocesan Support form submitted by individuals.
- The Exarchate activities depend much on the 15% of the parish income (articles sponsored, collection of specific events included); Parishes shall co-operate to transfer the dues on a regular basis. The parish committee has to understand the implication and take note of the payables due and make the required provision.

Exarchial level recommendation

- Best practices of any particular parish should be shared by exarchate for the awareness of all parishes in the exarchate.
- Thankyou note to be issues specifically to the individual making contribution to the Exarchate Support Fund.
- New Trustees should be given orientation every year at the district level for setting right expectations and creating awareness of the accounting practices along with clarifications.

Common Discussion followed, wherein few questions were raised and responded pertaining to the reports presented:

- Catechism should focus on joyful faith formation experience for the students rather than an academic pursuit.
- Recommendation for Examination dates to be reviewed.
- We should have atleast one Holy Qurbono in English in a month.

Response

- Decision of Catechism examination dates was already discussed and decided in the first PC meeting. It had considered all circumstances of our students and families. Hence it is inappropriate to change the dates often. There will be no change in the date of examination for the next 10 years.
- Malankara Catechism texts are acknowledged as the best and they have been redacted strictly following all norms by well experienced and educated teachers in this field. It is the common text of the Malankara Catholic Church. The Exarchate alone cannot change them.
- Director Fr. Philip Pulipara pointed out the statistics; out of 601 students from Std. IV to Std. XII, 27% ie. 167 students didn't appear for the exam in spite of all arrangements made. 5 examinations centers were provided outside our Exarchate; yet the concerned did not avail the provision. The catechism students and their parents need to introspect their priorities.
- To make the faith formation experience more vibrant and creative a special orientation class for teachers has been organized in each viable geography.
- The questionnaire for the exams was simple, not tough as some complain. The questions papers are available to verify this claim.

Exarchial Convention

- General Convention - it was proposed that the construction of the Seminary should be the priority and the convention should be held at Khopoli.

- The convention should be a common convention. However, all associations, i.e., MCA, MCYM, MCCL and SS should have their own gatherings and input sessions besides the common programs of the convention.
- Target to mobilize 20 lakhs fund; of which only 10 lakhs to be utilized for the convention, rest should be used for funding the construction of the seminary.

Response

- The general view of all members is to have the General Convention is a great thought.
- Fund flow should be prioritized to meet the basic requirements
- Facilities of the Latin Church Schools in Chinchwad could be requested for and made use of.
- The general opinion was that it is not possible to get the construction work of the Seminary done at Khopoli and have the convention there this year.

Committees for the Exarchial Convention:

The Pastoral Council elected the co-conveners and the Finance Council members and left the formation of other Committees to Msgr Varghese Mattaman who shall be the general Convener of the Convention.

Patron	: Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios, OIC
General Convener	: Msgr Varghese Mattamana
Co-Conveners	: Mr Alex Valavil and MD Jose
Secretary	: Mr Jose Alexander

Finance Committee

Bombay Region	: Babu George and John Mathew
Goa	: Fr Abraham Manalel
Pune Region	: Mr P Varghese and Mr Salu Thomas
Chennai Region	: Mrs Ponnammamma Varghese and Mr P A Joykutty
Bangalore Region	: Mr T M Johnson and Mr Biju S R

Hyderabad Region : Mr K N Sebastin and
Mr John Mathew

Seminary Construction

Regarding the Khopoli project, it was pointed out that many are not aware of the current status of the project and would like to know about the same.

Response

- It may be true that some have not become aware of the need of the project. The project was inaugurated in March 2016 by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos at a huge function done at the site and all attempts have been made to raise the funds. “Donate a Brick” is one such attempt. But each proposal met with excuses and so fast progress has been evading.
- It is planned to construct a building with an area of around 15,000 sq. ft. which will cost approx. Rs. 3 crore. There is an assurance of 4700 bricks amounting to Rs. 94 Lakhs.
- Civil approval of the project will not go beyond June. After getting the approval the quotations will be availed to start the construction work. Construction of a wing of the proposed school in 2 to 3 months can be expected thereon.
- There have been concerted requests to the faithful for funds to support the construction of the Minor Seminary till date. It is the only financial collection made on behalf of the Exarchate. Even that is voluntary. Hence, Members! Kindly see to it that, no negative and disheartening discussions are circulated! Give what you can!

* It was then time for noon prayers and lunch

Presentation of the Financial Report

In the Second Session of the PC Meeting the Financial Report of the Exarchate was presented by Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon, the Finance Officer. After the report presentation Fr Kaithon

mentioned that he was very happy and blessed to work in the exarchate for the last three years. He is now relieved of the office from 29 May 2018. He conveyed his gratitude to all, especially to the Exarch and Msgr Mattamana Achan for all the support and guidance rendered to him.

Later an evaluation on the Parish Audit was presented by Mr VA George who is the Internal Auditor of the Exarchate. He mentioned that he has audited 29 churches in the exarchate. He pointed out areas of improvement. He opined that our people has to learn to be systematic in book-keeping and generous in giving, especially to support the common causes.

After necessary clarifications the accounts were passed by voice vote.

General Gathering and Open Forum

Query: What about the 15% of the income to be given over from the income of the parishes to the Exarchate. How is it calculated?

Response : It has already been notified many times. 15% of the total gross income should be paid from the parish income, irrespective of, for what it is earmarked for. Exceptions are for dedicated funds like construction funds and charity funds raised with prior permission from the curia. For any new constructions and substantial maintenance prior permission should be taken and exemptions will be granted according to the merit of the project. It was noted that decisions decisively made should not be called to question often by newly elected members of the parish council. They should study the byelaws and assume offices.

Query/Comments

- After the PC Meeting the PC Member along with the Vicar should call for immediate meeting of the parish committees and convey the details of PC meeting to the present committee members.
- It is good to announce new decisions and guidelines through a circular to be read in the parishes.

- A class should be arranged for the new Trustees and Secretaries of the parishes for smooth accounting and audit.
- There should be active participation of *suvishesha sangham* members in parishes.
- *Suvishesha Sangham* members are not promoted adequately in parishes. Parish Priests are requested to oversee their activities adequately.
- There should be at least one Holy Qurbano in regional language / Hindi / Marathi / Kannada etc. per month.

Response:

- It was always insisted that the PC representative and the parish priest should brief the respective parish of the decisions of the PC approved by the Exarch. The same is urged again.
- Regarding the classes, last year training programs were arranged district wise for the parish trustees and secretaries. The same shall be done this year also. The Proto-synellus and the Finance officer along with the Internal Auditor will do the same. However, it is to be noted that every year, we cannot go on repeating the same. Those who know accounts and those who can follow the guidelines of the Exarchate and that of the civil auditing should be chosen for the service.
- It is the duty of the Parish Priests to promote the SS and its activities in the parish. They have to be encouraged in breaking the Word of God in prayer meetings. They have to take up other ministries assigned to them, like visiting homes, visiting the sick etc. They are obliged to do this under the guidance of the parish priest and with prudence. The parish priests are ought to encourage the ministries of the members of the SS.
- Regarding Holy Qurbano in English and other regional languages, it is the avowed goal of the Exarchate; there has been strife to achieve it since many years. However, the limitations are to be overcome; so it will make more sense to take initiatives in implementing it. The parish priests shall own

up these initiatives in their parishes. This is absolutely needed in the context of the mission work and evangelization.

- Regarding the stability of the parish priest in his office for at least three years, it shall be taken care of. However, in the context of the lack of priests in the Exarchial ministries, there need to be understanding.

Appreciation of the Conduct of the PC

Many members pointed out that the PC was well arranged. Information was given well in advance. The sessions were well organized. They particularly complimented Rev. Fr Melwin OIC, the Chancellor, and the Exarch for the meticulous planning and conduct of the PC. It was also shared by members that the group discussion on the Agenda and its report-presentation gave a wider participation of the members in the proceedings of the PC.

Election and Nomination of Members to the Finance Council

Mr John Mathew and Mr. Sunny Pawath were elected by the Pastoral Council as members to the Exarchial Finance Council. His Excellency nominated Mr. P. K. Cherian, Mr. Babu George and Mr Alex Valavil to the Finance Council.

Call to Support the Seminary Project by the PC Members

The Exarch called upon the PC members to take the lead in paying the offered money for the seminary project which was agreed upon. He also urged the new members of the PC to make their offerings. Most of them made their offerings vocal at the forum. The response was very encouraging.

He also informed that those who want to avail the benefits of 80 G, can credit the Seminary Sponsorship and Seminary Construction fund through the SEVA account.

Concluding Message

In his valedictory address, the Exarch again thanked all the outgoing Curia Members and Parish Priests for their meritorious service. He again underlined the need to concentrate on the

missionary work of the Exarchate. With a deep sense of empathy, he tried to pacify the sentiments of those parishes and missions like Napur, Chinchwad, Nashik, Aurangabad, etc which do not have permanent parish priests at present. He requested them to be understanding as it is due to the lack of priests. At the same time, he urged all to promote vocations to solve the problem permanently.

The Exarch thanked the members of the PC for their attendance, travelling great distances and for their active participation. He also thanked the members of the Curia for the arrangements made for the PC. He lauded the dedication and commitment of Rev. Fr Melwin OIC in properly planning and executing the conduct of the PC. He greatly appreciated the active role of the PC in building up the Exarchate. He thanked it for its great support. He asserted his firm faith in the providence of God and the cooperation of the Faithful in building up the basic infrastructures of the Exarchate, especially to complete the construction of the Minor Seminary before June 2019, so that we can keep our word given to the Diocese of Pune and to His Excellency Bishop Thomas Dabre. Thanks be to God who leads us on the way of our missionary commitment!

The Exarch declared that the next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in January 2019.

The newly elected Secretary of the PC, Mr Jose Alexander, then proposed the vote of thanks. Rt. Rev. Koshy Kakkanattu Corepiscopo made the concluding prayer. H.E imparted the apostolic blessings to all members.

JOSE MATHEW ALEXANDER

Secretary, Pastoral Council

FR MELWIN MATHEW ANTHALIL OIC

Chancellor

MCYM News**a. MCYM Exarchial Syndicate 2018**

MCYM Exarchial Syndicate was organised by the MCYM Exarchial secretariat under the Directorship of Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas Thazhethottathil at Mar Ivanios School, Pimple Gurav, Pune on 26 and 27 May 2018.



It was attended by the MCYM Exarchial and District office bearers. The purpose of the event was to orient and reinforce the leaders with the mission of MCYM. The District office bearers presented the reports of their respective districts. There were detailed discussions on the global events to be participated in and generic action plans for the coming months. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana beckoned the youth leaders to devise more practical steps to aid in the challenges of young people. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios appreciated the youth leaders for their dedication. Aboon urged young leaders to be rooted in the ecclesial framework and allow the Holy Spirit to work through them. Later, Mr. Saji Daniel, Ms. Julie Jim, Ms. Nancy Sam and Mr. Ajit John, under the leadership of Rev. Fr Mathew Thomas, led the discussions.

b. MCYM Go Green Day June 3, 2018 :

The MCYM Global body initiated the Go Green Day to be celebrated on June 3, 2018, in order to promote an eco friendly culture. The Exarchate MCYM embraced the cause of Go Green. His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios and Padma Shri Rasool Pookutty marked the Go Green Day by planting *Soursoup* saplings at the event 'Yobel2018' at Don Bosco School premise, Borivili. Bishop exhorted everyone to take up a lifestyle that goes in harmony with the environment. Similar functions were held at different parishes under the leadership of MCYM members.

26th Chaplains/Animators training 2018 (CAT)

26th Chaplains/Animators training 2018 (CAT) was organised by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, Youth Commission, from June 1 to 10, 2018, at National Biblical Catechetical Liturgical Centre, Bangalore. The event was attended by Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas, the newly appointed Exarchate MCYM Director, along with 40 participants from across the country. The program was an orientation program for youth Directors and Animators. Five priests from the Syro Malankara Eparchies attended the event.

Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary News

a. Seminary Blessing and Inauguration of Academic Year 2018-19

The new academic year of Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary was inaugurated by His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios on 13 June, 2018, with the presence of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Proto Syncellus, Rev. Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC, Chancellor, Fr. Samuel Thoppil and Fr. Benjamin Vazhayil OIC. The new academic year began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration. Later, the Bishop blessed the entire Seminary. Following the breakfast, an Inaugural Meeting was held during which the motto of the new academic year, "Rooted in Christ", was revealed by His Excellency.



b. First Year Brothers

Following brothers joined the Seminary this Year:

Bro. Yovel Abhishek : Anvalya Parish; Dharmapuri Diocese

Bro. Thomas Kannamkulam (Basil): Vasai Parish; Khadki-Pune Exarchate

Bro. Joseph Chittatu (Robin): Kalewadi Parish; Khadki-Pune Exarchate

Bro. Joseph Manalusheri (Jebin): Ennathu Parish; Trivandrum Major Archdiocese

c. Brothers' from other Eparchies who permanently joined the Exarchate this Year

Bro. Joseph Kanchavana : Regent; Mavellikara Diocese

Bro. Vincent Mukaluvila : Regent: Trivandrum Major Archdiocese)

Bro. Mathew Mappottilkizhakkathil: IV Year; Mavelikara Diocese

Bro. Kuriakose Thandayimattathil: IVYear; Bathery Diocese

Bro. Sherin Palavilakizhakkathil: IV Year; (Mavelikara Diocese)

Catechism Department

Teachers' Orientation Camp

The orientation session for the Catechism teachers of Pune Ecclesiastical District was held on 9 June, 2018, at St Mary's Cathedral, Pune. His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios addressed the teachers.

Aboon reminded the teachers that they had to bring the Jesus experience to the children and bring up children as good human beings. His Excellency emphasized having a common discipline for Catechism classes. Rev. Fr. Philip Pulipra, Exarchial Director of Catechism, took the orientation session. He guided the teachers on how to become a model Sunday school teacher with the help of examples. There were group discussions organized after the session. Teachers from Pune district and Goa Parish attended the sessions. Similar Orientation sessions are planned in Mumbai and Bangalore.



Exarchial District News

Pune District

St. Mary's MSCC, Warje

a. Visit of Fr. Cyril OIC and Fr. Michael OIC

Fr. Cyril Michael OIC and newly ordained priest Fr. Michael Raj OIC visited the parish on 20 May and 3 June, respectively. Both of them had served there as missionary brothers. The Holy Mass for the corresponding days was celebrated by them. The parish conveyed their prayers and blessings for all their future missionary activities and wished them a divine spiritual life ahead.

b. Revision in the Holy Mass schedule

The parish committee arrived at a decision to change the Sunday Mass timings of both the Hindi and Malayalam languages. The new timings came into effect from 10 June. The revised schedule is as follows: Hindi Mass - 8:00 a.m., Malayalam Mass- 9:45 a.m., Sunday School- 8:30 am, and Monthly Hindi Retreat shall be held on the Fourth Sunday of every month at 8:30 am.

c. Sunday School *Vidyarambham*

The *Vidyarambham* of Catechism students for the academic year 2018-19 was held on 10 June. Students presented their offerings to the altar before the Holy Qurbano. The Qurbano was specially celebrated for the students. Parish vicar, Fr. Melwin Mathew, OIC spoke about the importance of Sunday school in the life of the Church and exhorted parents, students and teachers to take Sunday school seriously.

St Joseph's MSCC, Dehuroad

a. Goodbye and Welcome Rev. Sisters

St. Joseph's Church bid farewell to dear Rev. Sr. Josina S.I.C on 20 May and expressed gratitude for all her dedicated service, love and prayers rendered to the parish with a divine

smile, and conveyed good wishes and prayers for her future mission in Kerala. Parish Trustee Mr. Rex Yohannan presented a farewell gift as a token of love. The parish also wholeheartedly welcomed Sr. Jyoti S.I.C to the Dehuroad parish. She is the new Superior of Dehuroad Convent.

b. Vidyarambham

A prayerful start to the new catechism academic year was held on 10 June, 2018. Catechism students brought offerings to the Holy Altar and sought God's blessings. Master Joseph Joby, with the guidance of Fr. Robin O.I.C, wrote his first letters on the rice as a sign of an auspicious start of knowledge. Parish organized a small meeting after the Holy Qurbano and *Vidyaarambham* ceremony to felicitate the outgoing XII standard catechism students on their successful completion of catechism studies with a memento. Sr. Jephin S.I.C., who was the catechism teacher for this, and the then Headmaster Mr. Jose John were also felicitated for their valuable service and guidance.

St Antony's MSCC, Vishrantwadi

a. Send-off to Fr. Kaithon

Fr. Varghese Kaithon, vicar, was given a farewell on 28 May 2018. After three years of selfless service to the parish, Fr. Varghese Kaithon has gone back to Pathanamthitta. After the Holy Qurbano, the parish community thanked Fr. Kaithon and wished him God's blessings on his new appointment.

b. Sunday School Reopening

Catechism started with Vidyarambham on 10 June 2018. The children enthusiastically brought their school books for blessing since their school academic year was to begin the next day. Catechism teachers meeting was held after the Mass. Msgr. Fr. Varghese Mattamana also gave a talk to the catechism teachers.

c. Welcome to New Vicar

The parish was blessed to have its new vicar in the person of Fr. John Achudaparampil. He took charge on Sunday, 10 June, 2018. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Proto Syncellus, installed Fr. John as the new Vicar after the holy Qurbono.

St. Ephrem's MSCC, Goa

The Catechism year 2018-19 of the parish started with a lot of enthusiasm on 10 June, 2018, under the leadership of the new Head Master, Mr. Biju Samuel. The children brought the offertory during the Holy Qurbono. Father Vicar blessed the students and exhorted everyone to take catechism seriously.

Mumbai District

St. Thomas MSCC, Borivali

a. Welcome to New Vicar

Rev. Fr. Joseph Menakaliekka OIC has been appointed as the new Vicar of St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church Borivali. He took charge as the new vicar on 20 May, 2018. Parish received their new vicar with great joy.

b. MCYM Silver Jubilee

MCYM Borivali parish celebrated its Glorious Silver Jubilee on 2 and 3 June 2018. A Bike Rally to build Awareness on the Organ Donation Drive was held on 2 June which 70 Bikers attended. Later, an organ donation awareness session was conducted by Mrs. Meera Suresh (Snehabandhan Trust). On June 3, 2018, a thanksgiving Holy Qurbono was celebrated by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Antonios, OIC. The Qurbono was followed by a public meeting wherein Padmashree Rasul Pookkutty was present. He endorsed the 'Organ Donation awareness Drive' in his Speech. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC, Fr. Abhayand OIC, Benedict OIC (Former Vicar), Mr. Libin Samuel MCYM President- Exarchate and Mr. Shiju Thomas, District

MYCYM President, were the other dignitaries who graced the occasion. Finally, a session on the 10 commandments was led by Fr. Allwyn SDB and Gospel Band 'Open Secret' conducted a live performance.

St Thomas MSCC, Thane

Sunday School Opening

Sunday School opening was held on 17th June. The day started with *Kazcha Samarpanam* by all the students and teachers before the Holy Qurbano. The students of MCCL led the choir for the Holy Qurbano. After the Holy Qurbano a public meeting was held to highlight the importance of Sunday School and to felicitate teachers and students.

St. Mary's MSCC, Dombivili

a. Oath Taking of the New Committee

The oath taking ceremony of the new parish council was held on 27 May 2018, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, the Vicar. Mr. Thomas P. George took charge as Trustee and C. Anjuelsa Mathew took charge as Secretary.

b. HSC and SSC Students' Felicitation:

Ms. Angela Mathew (HSC), Mr. Jobin Johny (HSC), Ms. Jency T (HSC) and Ms. Roshna Varghese (SSC) were felicitated by the parishioners and the Vicar on 10 June 2018 after the Holy Qurbano. They were congratulated for their meritorious performance in the Examinations.

c. Sunday School *Pravashanaolsavam*

Sunday school *Pravashanaolsavam* was held on 3 June, 2018. In a short but meaningful ceremony after the Qurbano, candles were lit by the Vicar and handed over to the Sunday School teachers, who in turn handed them over to students. The teachers were later felicitated and Sunday School toppers were awarded.

St. Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

a. Welcoming New Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Mathew Modiyil OIC took charge as the new Vicar of the Parish on 3 June, 2018. Fr. Modiyil read his appointment letter during the Qurbano and officially took charge as the Parish Priest. Mrs. Suma Prasad, Secretary of the Parish, welcomed the new Vicar on behalf of the parish.

b. New Sunday School Academic Year

Sunday School Reopening day was held on 10 June, 2018. The parish prayed for the Sunday School students during the Qurbano. After the Qurbano, a meeting was held wherein Vicar wished all students and teachers during the new academic year.

St. Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

a. St. George Feast and MCA Day Celebration

Parish celebrated the Feast of St. George on 20 May, 2018. The day started with a Holy Qurbano by the Vicar, Fr. Mathew Pallikkunnel. The day was also celebrated as MCA Day. Mr. Jijo Abraham highlighted the importance of the day with a short speech after the Holy Qurbano. The MCA members of the church also served at the altar for the Holy Qurbano. The day ended with everyone receiving the nerchaappam and curry.

b. Sunday School Reopening

June 10th marked the reopening of Sunday School in the parish. The day started with a Holy Qurbano by Fr. Mathew Pallikkunnel. The Sunday School kids offered their books as a symbol of offering their forthcoming academic and catechism year to the Lord. Special prayers for all the students were offered. The choir, was led by Sunday School students and teachers. After the Holy Qurbano, a public meeting was held in which new students were welcomed.

St. John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai**Sunday School Opening Day**

Sunday school reopened on 10 June, 2018. A short programme was held after the Holy Qurbano to mark the opening of the new academic year. The meeting was presided by Rev. Fr. Thomas Bijily OIC in which Sr. Bhavya SIC and Head Mistress Mrs. Renji Binu were also present. A tree plantation drive was carried out later wherein the premises of the church were planted with plant sampling by the children with the help and supervision of Catechism teachers. Later, a meeting of all Catechism teachers was held by the Vicar where new directions were given and ways deliberated to better the working of Sunday School.

Bangalore District**St. Alphonsa MSCC, Carmelaram****a. Blessing of Chapel and Inauguration of St. Alphonsa Day Care and Pre-School**

The Blessing of the Chapel and the proposed St. Alphonsa Day Care and Pre-School took place on Sunday 27 May, 2018, at 3:00 PM. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch of the Exarchate of St. Ephrem Khadki-Pune, and His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios, the Metropolitan of the Diocese of Puttoor, solemnized the blessing of the Chapel and the Pre-School. The local leaders of the municipality were also invited and felicitated during the Pre-School Inauguration function.

b. Bishop's Visit

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikara, visited the Carmelaram Parish for the first time on 3 June, 2018, and celebrated the Holy Qurbano in the newly blessed church. He also planted a few saplings on the occasion of World Environment Day celebrations.

c. Welcoming New Vicar and Farewell to Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana

The new vicar Rt. Rev. Koshy Kakkanattu Corepiscopa was formally welcomed to the Parish on Sunday 10 June 2018. A warm farewell was given to Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana, who was the vicar-in-charge of the Carmelaram Parish right from its inception. Representatives of the parish expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated service of Fr. Kaithavana towards the wellbeing of the parish.

St. Mary's MSCC, Hennur

a. Environment Day Celebrations

As part of the Green Sunday (love and care for your environment) initiative by the MCYM central Secretariat, the parish MCYM members distributed 100 medicinal saplings to the parish members on 3 June, 2018. The youths distributed four variety of sapling namely Tulsi, Brahmi, Insulin and Amruthaballi, free of cost to the parishioners. The initiative was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. KoshyKakkanattCorepiscopa after the holy Qurbano.

b. MCYM Oath Taking and Inauguration of the Planner

Corepiscopa, Rev. Fr. Koshy Kakkanatt and Unit Director Rev. Fr. James Charivuparambil led the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of the parish on 3 June, 2018. The new team also released the yearly plan for the 2018-19 Year Planner covering various events under the Spiritual, Social, Self-development and Charity themes.

c. Mathrusangham Yearly Planner Inauguration

The yearly planner for the year 2018-19 of the unit mathrusangham was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas on 10 June 2018. Mrs. Jisha Johnson introduced the planned programs to all members and sought their prayers for a successful term of the office bearers.

Hyderabad District**St. Joseph's MSCC, Hyderabad****a. MCYM District Senate Meeting**

Annual General Meeting of the MCYM parish unit was held with the Senate of Hyderabad District team on 9 June. The meeting included discussions on the updates received recently and the activities that need to be conducted keeping the Golden Jubilee celebration of MCYM in mind.

b. Green Day celebrations

Going in line with the directive of the Central MCYM, Hyderabad celebrated Go-Green activity at unit level on 10 June. Youths planted trees, installed dustbins, and spread awareness on low usage of plastics and the importance of planting trees.

Institution News**Mar Gregorios College, Chennai****a. Mar Gregorios Conference Hall Dedication**

The state of the art Mar Gregorios Conference Hall was inaugurated by the senior most support staff Mr. Victor Thangappan. Dr. K. Mohandoss, Principal, highlighted the management's mission and contribution in making this Hall a reality while welcoming the gathering, and he expressed his gratitude to the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Msgr Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana and Rev Fr. Philip Pulipra for their support.

b. Faculty Orientation Programme

To enhance the skills of faculty members in handling the students, the college organized a one day Faculty Orientation Program on 14th June 2018. The orientation program was conducted in the newly inaugurated Mar Gregorios Conference Hall. Dr. K. Mohandoss, Principal welcomed the gathering. Mr. Siraj, Psychologist, Special Educator & Counsellor, was the resource person for the day.

Important Dates to Note

- 1 : Family Day, 15 day lent for the Feast of the commemoration of Mar Ivanios begins
- 3 : Dukhrono of St Thomas
- 15 : Feast of the Commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios
- 28 : Feast of St Alphonsa
- 29 : Bethany Feast

Bishop's Diary

- 01 : Parish Feast, St Thomas MSCC, Borivali-Mumbai
- 02 : Chennai Blessing of MGP School
- 03 : St Thomas Day Celebrations, Papal Seminary Pune
- 04 : St Mary's MSCC Warje-Malwadi-Pune
- 07 : Sunday School Training Programme, Bengaluru
- 08 : St Antony's MSCC, Vishrantawadi-Pune
- 09-13 : Mar Ivanios Padayatra from Perunadu to Pattom, Trivandrum
- 14 : Feast of Commemoration of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios
- 15-19 : Pune
- 20 : To Zurich in Switzerland

OBITUARY



Mr. T D Samuel Panjikattil, aged 65, member of St Thomas MSCC, Chichwad, Pune slept in the Lord on 26 June, 2018. He is survived by Leelama (wife), Libin (son), Leeba (daughter) and Nibin (son in law). May his Soul Rest in Peace!



Ms. Sneha Thomas, aged 18, member of St Mary's MSCC, Warje, Pune slept in the Lord on 19 June, 2018. She is survived by Mr Thomas George (father), Mrs Smitha (mother) and Sherin (brother). May her Soul Rest in Peace!



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